

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A computerized method executable by a general purpose computer, programmed
5 to perform the steps comprising:
 - providing a user with an electronic invention disclosure form having data fields for data entry by the user;
 - receiving the data entries from the user and, once the user has submitted a completed form, issuing a date stamp for the completed form;
 - 10 sending an electronic notice to at least one pre-defined invention reviewer, and enabling the reviewer to associate a grade to the form;
 - enabling a pre-designated decision maker to select one action from the group comprising “abandon” and “file”.
- 15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said grade comprises a binary file/don’t file grading.
3. The method of claim 1, wherein said group further comprises “publish” and “provisional”.
- 20 4. The method of claim 1, wherein when said decision maker selects “file”, the system automatically generates an engagement letter and send the engagement letter via email to a designated counsel, together with the completed invention disclosure form and any attachments.
- 25 5. The method of claim 3, wherein when said decision maker selects “publish”, the system automatically generates a defensive publication and uploads the publication to a designated website.

6. The method of claim 3, wherein when said decision maker selects “provisional”, the system automatically generates a provisional application.

7. The method of claim 1, further comprising enabling the reviewer to request further information and wherein when said reviewer request further information, the system automatically emails a request to the user and enables the user to add new data to form, and wherein the system issues a new electronic date stamp to the new data.

8. The method of claim 4, wherein said form query the user to input keywords, and wherein when said decision maker selects “file”, the system automatically searches a prior art database using said keywords and generates a list of related art from said database.

9. A computerized system executable by a general purpose computer, comprising:
a central computer executing a main program;
an invention disclosure database;
a counsel database; and,
a reviewer database;
wherein said main program is structured to perform the steps comprising:
providing a user with an electronic invention disclosure form having data fields for data entry by the user;
receiving the data entries from the user and, once the user has submitted a completed form, issuing a date stamp for the completed form and storing the completed form in said inventions disclosure database;
sending an electronic notice to at least one pre-defined invention reviewer listed in said reviewer database;
wherein when said main program receives an input to file a patent application on a selected completed form, the system automatically generates an engagement letter and send the engagement letter via email to a designated counsel from said counsel database, together with the completed invention disclosure form and any attachments.

10. The computerized system of claim 9, further comprising an upload mechanism, wherein when said main program receives an input to publish said completed form, said main program compiles a disclosure document and said upload section uploads said disclosure document to a publicly accessible website.

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11. The computerized system of claim 9, further comprising a prior art database and, when said main program receives an input to file a patent application on a selected completed form, the system automatically searches said prior art database and generates a prior art list.

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